

PRESIDENT REPEATS HIS BONUS POSITION

Tells Veterans of Foreign Wars Method of Financing It Is Necessary.

HIS WORD TO COL. FORBES

Former Soldiers Decide on Sales Tax With Food Exempted as Plan.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Assurance that President Harding would support a bonus for ex-service men, provided a feasible means of financing the bonus can be found, was given to ex-service men by Col. C. R. Forbes, director of the Veterans Bureau at Washington, before a joint conference of national and State executives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars here to-day.

In the conference were the members of the national council of administration and the department commanders of the veterans' organization.

Immediately following Col. Forbes' address and a discussion which resulted in strong approval of a sales tax, the executives unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing a sales tax with foodstuffs exempted, as a means of raising the necessary revenue to finance the bonus.

C. Hamilton Cook, Buffalo, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, who was attending the conference by invitation, said his organization would take immediate action to support the resolution.

The American Legion, which is the largest of the veterans' organizations, was not represented at the meeting.

"These means that the bonus bill is likely to be passed at the coming session of Congress," Col. T. L. Houston, New York city, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said after the meeting.

Colonel Forbes, called President Harding by telephone before going into the conference, and in the course of his address referred to his conversation with the President.

"I called him up because it was suggested to me that the bonus might be touched upon," he said. "I wish you knew the pulse of Harding. I wish you knew his innermost thoughts. I wish you knew how he loves the ex-service men."

"Harding is not opposed to a bonus. If they will provide a means for financing it. All sorts of means have been mentioned. And the most simple means of all those that have been brought to my attention is the sales tax to meet this obligation."

"If Congress had brought to the President the solution of the financial problem of this additional financial responsibility he would have signed the bill. I believe the sales tax is the means whereby this obligation may be paid and the sales tax is the answer to the problem of paying the bill."

REBEL HERE GIVES FREE STATE 90 DAYS

Bernard Halligan Makes Prediction at Meeting.

A prediction that the Irish Free State Government will not survive ninety days was made last night by Bernard Halligan in an address at a meeting held in the Casino Theater under the auspices of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic. The meeting was held to make protest against the recent execution of Rory O'Connor, Erskine Childers and other Republicans.

Mr. Halligan, who recently was released from a British jail in Ireland, took part in the Four Courts battle in Dublin last summer. He characterized himself as the only man now free who was intimately associated with O'Connor, and said he carried to the Republicans a message from O'Connor that is now being acted upon, adding that the Free State will not last ninety days.

Major Michael A. Kelly, who presided, declared that the shot that killed Erskine Childers sounded the death knell of the Irish Free State, and that the shot that killed Rory O'Connor was fired over the grave of the present Government, which, he said, was conceived in perfidy and cowardice.

It was a noisy meeting, and the speakers were frequently interrupted, but otherwise there was no disorder. The audience applauded vigorously every mention of the Turks, the Russian Soviets and the name of Eamon de Valera, but hissed Woodrow Wilson and the American press.

Government to Check Up Incomes at the Source

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau,
Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.

BY direction of the Treasury Department, 36,000,000 forms will be sent out, beginning to-morrow, by Collectors of Internal Revenue to employers and others required to make annual income tax information returns of payments of \$1,000 or more to employees during the year now drawing to a close. The period for returning is from January 1 to March 15.

Returns of information are required of all persons, trustees, fiduciaries, guardians, corporations, partnerships and organizations. The responsible officer of a church or religious organization must report salaries paid to pastor or officers. Banks and similar organizations are required to report interest paid or credited to a depositor if the total during the year equaled or exceeded \$1,000.

VOTE TO-DAY TESTS SUBSIDY STRENGTH

Motion to Sidetrack It for Farm Relief Coming Up in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Administration leaders face a battle to-morrow to keep the shipping bill before the Senate.

Before the Senate when it convenes after the week-end recess will be the motion made Saturday by Senator Norris, chairman of the agriculture committee, to lay aside the shipping measure and to take up his bill designed to relieve agricultural distress through creation of a Government capitalized corporation to buy and sell farm products.

The motion will be opposed by Senator Jones, chairman of the commerce committee, in charge of the shipping bill, and others and will be pressed by foes of the ship bill, including the almost solid Democratic membership, by the Progressive Republican group and by others who believe action should be taken without delay in the matter of agricultural relief.

Both sides said to-day that they were confident of success. Those supporting the move to lay aside the shipping bill and begin consideration of the Norris measure said they would have at least half a dozen more than a majority. Those opposing the move said they had made no poll, but were certain of enough votes to prevent substitution of any agricultural relief from which there is much dissent, such as they assert to be the case with the Norris bill.

Meanwhile the Senate banking committee will continue its hearing and study of the various rural credit bills. Its members hope to conclude the hearings Wednesday.

TELLS CANADIAN LINE TO DROP U. S. PORTION

New Head of National Railways Receives Advice.

MONTREAL, N. B., Dec. 17.—Lieut. Gov. William R. Pugsley of New Brunswick, speaking at a dinner to Sir Henry Thornton, advised the new head of the Canadian National Railways to get rid of portions of the Grand Trunk which had terminals in American cities.

"Sir Henry will be confronted," Pugsley said, "by the fact that he has been called upon to take charge of a system which is supposed to be a Canadian railway system, but which has some 1,600 miles in the United States. My view is that the only way to solve this problem is the satisfaction of the people of this country is to get rid of that part of our railway which has Chicago as its western terminus and Portland as its eastern terminus."

LABOR MAKES GAINS AT AUSTRALIAN POLLS

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 17.—A feature of the general elections has been the strong labor vote, but the actual results will not be known for some days. Although Premier Hughes, who is leader of the Nationalist party, is safe, some of his Ministers and prominent lieutenants are in danger of defeat.

Mr. Hughes still maintains that his party will be the strongest in the new Parliament. Other party leaders believe that the Government will be defeated. The latest returns indicate that the Laborites are leading with 34 seats, the Nationalists have 27, the country party 10 and the Liberals 3.

IMMIGRATION CHIEF FOR A FLEXIBLE LAW

Commissioner Husband Would Modify Present Act to Get Desirables.

TO FILL LABOR DEMAND

Favors Creation of System Which Would Meet Industrial Needs.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
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Commissioner of Immigration Husband believes the immigration quota law should be modified to relieve the existing labor shortage in this country. He is opposed to lifting the bars entirely, but thinks men necessary to fill industrial needs should be let in if they have qualities of desirable citizens.

"It is assumed," said Mr. Husband in a statement to-day to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, "that the present quota law has reduced to a safe minimum the incoming of those people who for one reason or another are not sufficiently valuable to the United States. A reduction of the percentage would further limit this class, but if this is done means should be taken to prevent these additional restrictions applying to the ones, whom every one would welcome to the country."

Mr. Husband's reference to a "further reduction" referred to efforts of Chairman Johnson of the House Immigration Committee, who is preparing a bill to cut the immigration quota from 3 to 2

per cent. of the number in the United States in 1910.

"I am inclined to the opinion," said Mr. Husband, "that it would be possible to continue the basic number of immigrants and then provide for modifications which would meet the actual needs of the country. We might develop administrative machinery which would serve to invite those actually needed, whether for farming, industry or other activity in the United States."

"We should determine not only the extent of the need but also who are the most desirable people to fill that need and permit them to enter. One of the changes I have in mind is the creation of some system under which available supplies of labor in foreign countries would be constantly communicated to our Government, in order that when there is in the United States an honest demand for labor of a certain kind we know where to turn to fill the need. This plan would not be confined to industrial labor but ought to include all needs of States for settlers or farm labor or whatever activity is under-nourished or could be wisely extended."

In support of modification of the law for industrial purposes Mr. Husband pointed out that during the fiscal year of 1922 309,556 immigrants were admitted, while 198,112 departed from this country, leaving an excess of immigration of only 111,444.

"In the last fiscal year," said Mr. Husband, "139,000 aliens entered the United States who in their own country had been laborers, skilled and unskilled, and servants and 128,000 who had followed like occupations in the United States left the country, so that practically nothing was added to the industrial manpower of the country during the year."

MURDERED PAIR BURIED.

Mrs. Amelia Cataldo and her seven-year-old son, Frederick, whose bodies were set at rest after they had been murdered in their home at 2314 Stillwell avenue, Coney Island, last Thursday night, were buried yesterday morning. Only a few friends attended the ceremony and curiosity seekers were scarce on account of the dismal rain. The police are looking for Cataldo and for another man in connection with the murder.

CHICAGO HAS GONE DOWN TO BEDROCK

Three 'Leaning Towers' Lean No More, for Foundations Are Lowered.

WERE BUILT ON PILINGS

Silurian Deposit of Niagara Limestone Permits More weight in Structures.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Chicago's three "leaning towers," skyscrapers built during the nineties, now are resting firmly on bedrock foundations eighty feet below the surface. The three big office buildings, among the first in the skyscraper class, originally were built on pile foundations, and when the piles settled they were left noticeably out of plumb.

An inquiry disclosed that all three had been jacked up while foundations were continued down to the solid rock, and that since the alteration was made there has been no further settling.

Chicago is underlaid by a solid silurian deposit of Niagara limestone, from forty to eighty feet down. Over it is a loose deposit of blue clay and other material.

Some of the first skyscrapers, following building methods then in vogue, were erected on forests of piling, but the foundations proved unsuited to holding the immense weight of the big office structures.

Chicago's building laws limit the height of office buildings to 240 feet. It is impossible, geologists at the University of Chicago say, to pile up enough weight within that limit to cause any

shifting or slipping of the bedrock foundations. The clay deposits above the rock, on the other hand, are subject to a slight slipping movement.

Workmen who dug the sixty miles of freight subway under the loop streets found that blue clay had about the consistency of well worked putty, and that it was impossible to handle it by any ordinary methods. They finally solved the problem of equipping steel bands three feet long with handles, like a cross cut saw.

Holding the blade in both hands, the workman would bend it into the form of a horseshoe and hack out the soft clay from the tunnel heading, while the other men held back the mass until forms could be placed and the concrete walls poured.

BIG METEOR IN CONNECTICUT.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
PRESTON CITY, Conn., Dec. 17.—One of the largest meteors ever seen by persons in Connecticut was reported in the northwestern sky at 10 o'clock last night.

As it neared the earth it appeared to break into hundreds of small fiery particles, lighting up the sky brightly for several seconds.

3 A. M. PROWLERS ARRESTED.

Two youths were arrested and charged with attempted burglary about 3 o'clock yesterday morning after a complaint had been made by James F. Long, surveyor of customs, that some one was prowling around his home at 1710 Sev-

enty-fifth street, Brooklyn. Policeman James Heavey of the Bath Beach station made the arrests when he found chests in the pockets of two men who had been hurrying along Eighteenth avenue. The prisoners are Patrick Marchetti, 17 years old, of 205 Grand street, Manhattan, and Michael Moselli, 19, of 1615 Seventy-fifth street, Brooklyn.

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